

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 376

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A RESOLUTION to honor the editor and staff of *The Greeneville Sun* upon receiving thirteen journalism awards.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those media outlets that are deeply committed to timely providing quality news, sports, features, and multimedia content to keep their reading public well informed about current affairs; and

WHEREAS, *The Greeneville Sun* recently received thirteen journalism awards in a competition sponsored by the Tennessee Associated Press Broadcasters and Media Editors; and

WHEREAS, *The Greeneville Sun* won first-place honors for investigative journalism, editorials, and multimedia coverage in the Division I category and swept the multimedia category with first-place, second-place, and third-place awards for the ninth consecutive year; and

WHEREAS, overall, *The Sun* brought home three first-place awards, six second-place awards, three third-place honors, and one honorable mention; and

WHEREAS, *The Greeneville Sun* associate editor Kristen Early won her second Malcolm Law Memorial Award For Investigative Reporting, which is recognized as one of the most prestigious awards given for journalistic accomplishments in Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Early received the award for her solid investigative reporting of the 2016 Greene County Fair incident in which three girls fell from a Ferris wheel; her coverage included an examination of how state law regulates amusement ride companies and featured "the human side of legal discovery"; and

WHEREAS, *The Sun* editor Michael Reneau won the top Editorials prize for a series of editorials on local, state, and national politics; and

WHEREAS, the entire news staff of *The Sun*, led by online director Brian Cutshall, won the multimedia award for exemplary coverage of the Greene County Fair Ferris wheel incident through social media; and

WHEREAS, *The Sun* won second-place awards in the Features category for Cameron Judd's "Etchings"; in the Multimedia category for "Ladies Classic Website"; in the Photojournalism category for Darren Reese's "SGHS Basketball State Champs"; in the Sports Photography category for Darren Reese's collection; in the Sports Outdoors category for Darren Reese's collection of stories and photos; and in the Video category for Kristen Early's "Hatchery Business"; and

WHEREAS, *The Greeneville Sun* received third-place honors in the Daily Deadline category for "3 Girls Fall From Ferris Wheel"; in the Multimedia category for "Best of Preps 2016"; and in the Spot News Photography category for Darren Reese's "Gatlinburg Fire"; and

WHEREAS, *The Sun* also received honorable mention for reporter Ken Little's story "Bound And Determined To Save Her Sister," about a woman posthumously awarded a Carnegie medal after trying to save her sister from her burning home; and

WHEREAS, *GreenevilleSun.com* garners nearly 900,000 page views each month, a fact that speaks highly of the efficient and comprehensive manner in which *The Greeneville Sun* serves its community through quality journalism; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the editor and staff of *The Greeneville Sun* upon receiving thirteen journalism awards from the Tennessee Associated Press Broadcasters and Media Editors and extend to these dedicated journalists and photographers our best wishes for continued success as they continue to keep their community up to date and well informed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.